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Edinboro Branch Library promotes reading and outdoor recreation

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library launched its newest COVID-19-compliant program at the Edinboro Branch Library: the "Mini Mystery Walk." This program encourages patrons to read a short mystery while engaging in a walk along Edinboro Lake and use their best sleuthing skills to solve the case.

The short mystery by author Hy Conrad is broken up into 10 parts. Each part is printed on a yard sign and placed in order along Lakeside Drive. The story is presented in both English and Spanish. Sleuths will read the mystery as they walk (in one direction for English, the opposite for Spanish) and be prompted to solve the case through a survey accessed by QR code on the final sign. Correct solutions will be entered to win a FitBit Inspire, with the winner being drawn Aug. 31.

"The Edinboro Branch Library tries to focus on our community's needs, and we made this activity to promote one of its best resources, Edinboro Lake," says Randalee Gross, manager of Edinboro Branch Library — a location of the Erie County Public Library. "Our patrons are always looking for something that is engaging for the whole family, and this walk provides the added benefit of exploring our community. If it is successful, we hope to add additional seasonal walks that help our patrons explore the Edinboro community while promoting the library, and scale this out to other neighborhoods served by the Erie County Public Library."

The mystery walk encourages community members to get outside and read in this fun, family-friendly activity that runs through Tuesday, May 25.

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